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Later in the day Major Kimberling returned with McManus, stating they had a warrant for Staub's arrest. They took him to Somerville, where he was questioned by seven or eight persons, including Lamb, Kimberling, Underwood and Walsh, for four hours. He insisted that he knew nothing about the murders and that he had been on the Phillips Farm the night previous; to wit, September 13th. Trooper Lamb shook his fist in his face, calling him a liar. Staub was taken to a room in State Troopers' Headquarters in Somerville and handcuffed to a bed all of Thursday night, August 12th. He was questioned again the following morning. He did not waiver, whereupon he was taken to the Somerville jail and placed in a cell. He was kept there all of Saturday, Sunday and Monday and released on Tuesday in the late afternoon.

Underwood and McManus visited him in jail three times, showing him what they said was a statement of the questions asked him at State Troopers' Headquarters and his answers. They wanted him to sign it, but he refused, telling them that they had placed the time of his ~~presence~~ presence on the Phillips Farm as having taken place on the night of September 14th, instead of the night of September 13th. This correction was never made so far as he knows, as they did not return.